



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt resolution authorizing the City Manager to provide funding in the amount of \$47,000 to fund the Public Benefits Program Grant - Lodi Green Mower Project (EUD)

MEETING DATE: June 19, 2002

PREPARED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to provide funding in the amount of \$47,000 to fund the Public Benefits Program Grant - Lodi Green Mower Project.

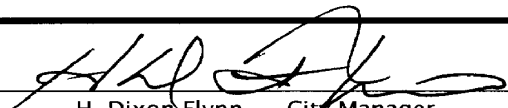
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The purpose of this program is to provide a rebate in the amount of \$200.00 when Lodi residents purchase an electric rechargeable lawn mower. The *Lodi Green Mower Project* will work as follows:

- on Saturday, July 13, 2002, from 7:00am to noon, Lodi residents may purchase one (1) 24-volt, electric rechargeable lawn mower, manufactured by Black & Decker (the event will be held at Temple Baptist Church on Lower Sacramento Road);
- to participate, residents *must* show a current California drivers license, be a resident of Lodi, and also present a City of Lodi utility bill;
- to participate, residents *must* turn-in a gas-fired lawn mower to receive the \$200.00 voucher for the purchase of the new, Black & Decker 24-volt, electric rechargeable lawn mower (the gas-fired mower *must* first be drained of oil and gasoline prior to the July 13, 2002 event);
- participating residents *must* purchase the new electric rechargeable lawn mower during the event on July 13, 2002; two hundred (200) Black & Decker 24-volt, electric rechargeable lawn mowers will be available that day for purchase; and
- in addition to the two hundred (200) Black & Decker 24-volt, electric rechargeable lawn mowers, the *Lodi Green Mower Project* proposes to provide thirty (30) additional rebates (\$200.00 rebate per unit) for Lodi residents to purchase an electric rechargeable lawn mower from one of the three participating Lodi retailers that sell a 24-volt, electric rechargeable lawn mower, including: A-1 Saw & Mower, Orchard Super Hardware and Wright Motors (*each retailer will receive ten vouchers*).

The City of Lodi Electric Utility is partnering with B & G Machinery, a Lodi-based scrap metal firm, to haul away and properly scrap/recycle the used, gas-fired lawn mowers. The City of Lodi Electric Utility is also partnering with the Black & Decker Corporation, which will be providing the two hundred (200) 24-volt, electric rechargeable lawn mowers and staff for the July 13, 2002 event.

Note: In reviewing a similar program offered by Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), it was determined that Black & Decker is the most appropriate firm to partner with for this project. SMUD has utilized Black & Decker on two previous electric rechargeable lawn mower rebate programs (spring of

APPROVED: _____


H. Dixon Flynn - City Manager



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2001 and spring of 2002), similar to the one the City of Lodi Electric Utility is proposing for July 13, 2002. Due to the success of the SMUD program, and their staff recommendation, the City of Lodi Electric Utility respectfully requests that the Lodi City Council dispense with going out to bid pursuant to Lodi Municipal Code 3.20.070.

Gas-fired mowers are considered environmentally non-friendly:

- gas-fired mowers statewide emit 8.3 tons of smog-forming emissions each day;
- in one hour, a gas-fired lawn mower emits the same amount of pollution as driving 650 miles in a eight-year old automobile; and
- some 17 million gallons of gasoline are inadvertently spilled annually nationwide by individuals refueling their lawn mower.

Electric rechargeable lawn mowers offer the following benefits:

- they cost roughly \$4 per year to operate (recharge);
- they produce less than half the amount of noise compared to gas-fired mowers;
- they are clean-burning, and easier to start than gas-fired mowers; and
- the 24-volt, electric rechargeable Black & Decker lawn mower can mow up to 1/3 of an acre on one full charge.

The City of Lodi Electric Utility respectfully requests approval of this project as a qualifying component of the City of Lodi Public Benefits Program.

FUNDING: 164607 – Public Benefits Fund (Category: Research, Development & Demonstration Services)

Funding Approval:

Ruby R. Paine for
Vicky McAthie, Finance Director

Alan N. Vallow
Electric Utility Director

PREPARED BY: Rob Lechner, Manager of Customer Programs

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C: City Attorney

APPROVED: _____
H. Dixon Flynn – City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-134

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO
PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PUBLIC
BENEFITS PROGRAM GRANT – LODI
GREEN MOWER PROJECT

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WHEREAS, the state has mandated that beginning January 1, 1998, the City of Lodi is obligated to fund various programs through a Public Benefits Charge (PBC) based on a historical electric revenue requirement; and

WHEREAS, the requirement amounts to approximately \$1M per year that must be dedicated to qualifying programs such as energy efficiency. A further stipulation is that these efforts must be done on the customer's side of the meter in order to qualify; and

WHEREAS, Lodi Municipal Code §3.20.070 authorizes dispensing with bids for purchases of supplies, services, or equipment when it is in the best interest of the City to do so; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to provide funding in the amount of \$47,000.00 to fund the Public Benefits Program Grant – Lodi Green Mower Project, specifically designed for Lodi Electric Utility customers.

Dated: June 19, 2002

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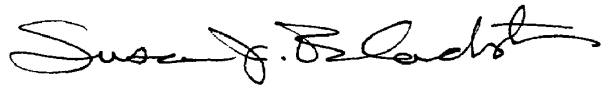
I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2002-134 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held June 19, 2002 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Howard, Land, Nakanishi, and Mayor Pennino

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk